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Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

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The Southern Command personnel handled 1,147 crashes as compared to 1,142 crashes in January of 2006. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities decreased by 63.6%. In actual numbers, there were 11 fatal crashes in January 2006 and only 4 fatal crashes in January 2007. Three fatalities involved subjects that were not wearing seatbelts. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a decrease of 39% in number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last year. Of the 49 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were zero fatalities; nine resulted in injuries, and the remaining 40 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.2% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1,034 crash reports in January 2007. This resulted in 6,155 crash reports being mailed out, which was 2% less than last year. There were 867 visitors requesting police services at the Front Office, which was a decrease of 16%, compared to January 2006. The Southern Command Communication Center logged 29,760 CAD incidents and approximately 31,161 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall traffic enforcement of 19.7% in January 2007 as compared to January 2006. This increase may be a result of the recent recruitment, hiring and training of new officers into the vacant officer positions. The total DUI arrests prior to crashes were down 6.7% as compared to last year. The DUI arrests from crashes showed an increase of 19 % as compared to January 2006. Occupant restraint violations showed a significant increase of 33% over January 2006. The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its hazardous moving violation enforcement by 185% and all other violations by 284%. This was coupled with an increase of inspections during January by 54.5% that resulted in 1,974 safety violations that placed 109 drivers out-of-service.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a "thank you" to all who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	January 07	January 06	% Change	December 06	% Change
Total crashes	1147	1142	0.4%	1307	-12.2%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	839	853	-1.6%	994	-15.6%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	304	278	9.4%	312	-2.6%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4	11	-63.6%	1	300.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	62	52	19.2%	81	-23.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4	11	-63.6%	1	300.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	8	-87.5%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2	1	100.0%	1	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	2	-200.0%	0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	49	80	-38.8%	54	-9.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	40	66	-39.4%	44	-9.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	9	13	-30.8%	10	-10.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .3 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.4%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 75.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.2 %
- ✱ Total crashes up .4 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 39% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 64% compared to last year.

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	January 07		January 06	% Change		December 06	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	62		52	19.2%		81	-23.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	223		239	-6.7%		246	-9.3%
Other arrests	976		1292	-24.5%		1054	-7.4%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	451		544	-17.1%		465	-3.0%
Speed violations	4500		3726	20.8%		4079	10.3%
Hazardous moving violations	2719		2104	29.2%		2192	24.0%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	908		681	33.3%		749	21.2%
Total violations [above violations included]	13829		11557	19.7%		12197	13.4%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	100		35	185.7%		76	31.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	338		88	284.1%		244	38.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	925		599	54.4%		979	-5.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1		6	-83.3%		0	100.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	381		266	43.2%		360	5.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1974		1401	40.9%		1925	2.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	204		93	119.4%		139	46.8%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	109		44	147.7%		155	-29.7%
Total school buses inspected	324		306	5.9%		25	1196.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	74		46	60.9%		8	825.0%
Total trucks weighed	699		913	-23.4%		1168	-40.2%
Total overweight citations	25		43	-41.9%		32	-21.9%
Total dyed fuel inspections	924		550	68.0%		959	-3.6%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint    ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		1		0
Safety Violations Citation	0		1		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0		1		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	1		0		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		1		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		1		0

## OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.16%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 27.7 years old
- ✱ .04% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance
- ✱ 1% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions

## ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	January 2007		January 2006	% Change		December 2006	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	138,311		150,626	-8.2%		123,627	11.9%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,395,365		548,202	154.5%		1,333,541	4.6%
CAD Incidents	29,760		27,673	7.5%		28,139	5.8%
Telephone Calls	31,661		33,400	-5.2%		35,128	-9.9%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	37		107	-65.4%		28	32.1%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	1,034		1,245	-16.9%		709	45.8%
Arrest Reports Processed	438		709	-38.2%		601	-27.1%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	6		10	-40.0%		7	-14.3%
Vehicle Impound Releases	197		214	-7.9%		103	91.3%
Visitors at Counter	867		1,027	-15.6%		775	11.9%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	6,155		6,281	-2.0%		5,380	14.4%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	825		630	31.0%		177	366.1%
Warrants Entered	429		293	46.4%		118	263.6%
Warrants Cleared	599		288	108.0%		459	30.5%
Warrants Validated	1815		1712	6.0%		3249	-44.1%
Extradition / Transports	16		17	-5.9%		10	60.0%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	109		114	-4.4%		66	65.2%
New Items Submitted	203		173	17.3%		114	78.1%
Items Disposed	13		8	62.5%		9	44.4%

\*\*\*Information is received from a private entity and they have identified problems within their calculations.

**EVIDENCE**

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol was responsible for 91.70 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation was responsible for 5.50 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation was responsible for 2.80 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division was responsible for 0% of case submissions

**PUBLIC INFORMATION****Public Requests for Information:**

297 Email Answers

27 were forward to Traffic Sergeants on commendations and complaints

270 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.

1,258 phone call or messages (both office and cell phone), phone number taken from the NHP Website

Phone queries to include: thanks to the troopers, commendations, witnesses to accidents and NRS questions

**Press releases: 5**

3 were fatality related 1, with results of NYE efforts and 1 in response to Al Unser Jr. DUI arrest.

**NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:**

New Nellis Air Force Base personnel presented a class on Traffic Laws January 9 and 30, 2007.

**HEAT PROGRAM: TRAFFIC SAFETY CLASSES:**

The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community. Several troopers took the Camaro and HEAT truck to local schools. We lead a driving safety and DUI awareness session for the driver's education teachers from the Clark County School District and address the Nevada Professional Driving School Association.

**HEAT RACING CONTINUED:**

The HEAT involvement with the Midnight Mayhem series continues to be a hit with all participants. We are currently exploring the possibility of becoming involved with the "Wednesday Night Street Wars" to interact with more teen and young drivers.

**DRIVER'S EDGE:**

The Driver's Edge program has taken a much-needed break. During the break we have worked hand-in-hand with Driver's Edge personnel to develop a driving curriculum to be used during the driving portion of the P.A.C.E. yourself teen driving program scheduled for March 17 and 18, 2007.

**COURAGE TO LIVE PROGRAM:**

The HEAT program welcomes another positive addition to the NHP. The Courage to Live Program will provide an educational presentation as well as an open discussion forum for adults and parents of middle school and high school students throughout the Las Vegas Valley.

**DPS EXPLORERS PROGRAM:**

The HEAT program is in the process of putting another strong tool in the shed of the Nevada Department of Public Safety. Preliminary talks have begun with the Boy Scouts in an attempt to re-start an Explorer Program. The program will run under the care of the Training Division. This promise to be a very positive addition to the DPS.